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**LA STATE PARKS MOBILE APP UPDATED
GAMES AND INTERACTIVE GPS FUNCTIONS ADDED**

The Pocket Ranger®, Louisiana Office of State Parks' official mobile app for Parks and historic sites, will be released with new features and games for visitors. The free, updated app includes advanced interactive capabilities—such as free, GPS mapping and a Friend Finder to keep track of your family and friends on the trail. The revised mobile app is faster than ever to download and activate, and new multitasking capabilities make it easier to navigate.

The more adventurous outdoor enthusiasts will benefit from the recently added *GeoChallenges* feature, which include geocache and geoquest activities that highlight the best of what Louisiana State Parks and State Historic Sites have to offer. Follow the GPS coordinates on your device as you traverse natural and historical trails through the state.

The marking tools and trail-tracking features, located on the side navigation bar of the GPS Mapping section, have also been reorganized and improved. Use the app to track, mark, record and share photo waypoints easily with other users, as well as family and friends. GPS also plays a pivotal role in the app's safety functions, such as a safety alert feature that shares your GPS coordinates with designated contacts, in case of an emergency.

The Pocket Ranger® app—developed collaboratively between Louisiana's State Parks and Historic Sites and ParksByNature Network—is available for free to smartphone users, and can be downloaded by visiting Apple iTunes and Google Play for Android, and searching for Louisiana State Parks; or by visiting www.StateParkApps.com.

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